

REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

12-12-19 | 11:00-3:00

Attendance

Steve Schenewerk
Athena Wikstrom
Dena Haudenschild
Rhonda Nyseth
Melinda Collier
Rebecca Adams -- Parent
Rhonda Janecke
William Starkweather
Vicky Taylor

Cindy Walsh
Sondra Williams
Michael Lasher
Cynthia Hurkes
Heidi McGowan
Brianna Rahmlow – Parent
Maureen Short
Margie McNab
Danielle Walker - Video

Kathy Forrester
Brittany Carr
Heather Freilingner
Charlene Shaw
Erin Helgren
Maurita Johnson
Amy Frey
Melanie Mobley
Analia Nicholson

Welcome/Introductions

Overview of the ECE Sector Plan

Heidi provided an introduction and recap of the Early Care and Education (ECE) sector expansion plan and the process that was used to put the plan together. She revisited the information about all three deliverables.

Margie provided suggestions on **Phase one** of the ECE Plan

- The plan is still a bit long and the Hub may need to cut a bit more to keep it succinct. The sentences are a bit long. The information that she is seeing is spot on.
- Page 8 – Make sure everything aligns
- Use bullets instead of sentences, possibly to make information clearer and more readable.
- Stay focused on the content as opposed to the shortening of the document.

The first eyes of the Early Learning Division (ELD) on this document will be tomorrow with Brett, Margie, and Denise and a receipt of acceptance will be sent out to the Hub. Any ELD recommendations will be sent to the Hub next week to assist the Hub in determining updates and/or ELD acceptance of plans. The updates should be minimal at this point and are due in the middle of January. Gwyn and Joan will be chairing the ELD Review Committee and taking recommendations to Miriam and Sarah. After plans are reviewed, Preschool Promise, OPK and Equity RFAs will be going out. Plans will assist where the focus will be across the state. Providers have to apply directly to the state, but can have fiscal agents if needed. Fiscal agents would provide business services.

Phase two will be about coordinated enrollment (Preschool Promise initially) which will be on the heels of this phase one plan. No timeline yet.

Phase three will be about shared services. There will be funding that will be released based on when reports are submitted to the legislature. The plans are assisting with the decision making to ensure we have an appropriate way to use the funds that are released. Shared services would assist small groups having needed services like accounting, health care, etc.

Priority Populations (Deliverable 1):

The group reviewed Priority Populations to ensure no communities were missed.

1. Geographic Isolation:

Areas of concern:

Gilcrest, Sprague River, Bonanza, Bly

Riddle, Brockway, McGovern

2. Displaced Children:

Areas of concern: None stated

3. Children from Hispanic/Latinx families:

Areas of concern: None Stated

4. Children with disabilities:

The number of children with disabilities seems high, but there was no data to show the discrepancy.

Oregon Pediatric Improvement Plan has estimated numbers for children with disabilities based on claims including behavioral, etc.

Children are not diagnosed / tested for ages 0-5 generally.

Riddle has 33% of children experiencing physical or emotional disabilities in K12.

Anything less than five children should be captured as <5

Gilchrist was qualitatively mentioned

Page 16 eliminate physical and just state disabilities

5. Children from Tribal/Native American Families:

Yimisá needs to include accents

Chiloquin – four children ages six weeks to three years are enrolled in the Klamath Tribes Early Childhood Development Center

6. Infants and Children aged 0-2:

Chiloquin has infant/toddler care through the Tribe

Parent Preferences (Deliverable 2):

Workforce –need for well trained staff – especially for 0-2

When parents/guardians are working, they are losing TANF, Food Stamps, and OHP. It's hard to lose the benefits, as the pay does not make up for the benefits. Possible tax breaks for providers (i.e. \$2000 a year for insurance). DHS and ELD needs to break down silos between their agencies. Groups are disincentivizing each other's mission. Margie is taking this information to the policies team.

Mixed Delivery

Industry and employer subsidies missing from report

Consultation for Coop Childcares

People trading childcare labor instead of getting paid - Need to make sure that the value is not taxable

School Consortium

Expansion Opportunities (Deliverable 3):

UCAN Head Start, Klamath Family Head Start, and Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) is ready to expand by next fall.

Klamath Family Head Start is considering expanding to Lakeview and Merrill

Page 10 Lake County – 12 in foster care not six

Klamath Falls City Schools has availability for Preschool Promise

- Could provide services for Pelican and Mills
- Early Childhood Education Center has space

Klamath County School District

- Pilot couple hours a day at Gilchrist is currently occurring
- Would like to expand
- Currently serving geographically isolated groups

Yoncalla has space

- 12 on waitlist
- Using SSA money for expansion

Riddle has space

Next Meeting Date

March 11, 2020